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The information disclosure statement filed August 23, 2003 has been placed in the application file and the information referred to therein has been considered. Also, per the telephonic conversation with James Howard (8/30/04), the necessary copies of the foreign prior art has been received and is hereby acknowledged. The claims are allowable over the prior art cited.


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